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SUBJECT: MINISTER' S LEAVE IS EXTENDED

REF: KAMPALA 760

1. ON MARCH 21 PRSIDENT AMIN ANNOUNCED THAT ALL MINISTERS NOW ON THRITY DAYS' LEAVE HAVE HAD THEIR LEAVE EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAYS. HE SAID THIS WAS TO GIVE HIM MORE TIME TO REARRANGE HIS CABINET AND ALSO TO GIVE MINISTERS TIME TO SETTLE THEIR BUSINESS AFFAIRS. AMIN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD SEND SOME MILITARY OFFICERS ON LEAVE FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS. THESE OFFICERS, HE SAID, ARE ABSORBED IN THEIR BUSINESSES AND NEED TIME TO SORT THEM OUT.

2. COMMENT: IT LOOKS MORE AND MORE AS IF SOME OR MOST OF MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED BACK. ON TWO RECENT OCCASIONS AMIN HAS MADE DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT PREFORMANCES OF THESE MINISTERS, SAYING ONCE THAT THEY WERE QTE ONLY INTERESTED IN THEIR STOMACHS UNQTE. THIS EXTENSION OF LEAVE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT AT LEAST SOME WILL BE AXED, HOPEFULLY NOT LITERALLY. AS HAD HAPPENED BEFORE,
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WHEN AMIN DOES SOMETHING THAT HE THINKS WORKS OUT WELL,
HE TENDS TO REPEAT IT. HE MAY NOW HAVE DECIDED THIS
EXTENDED LEAVE ROUTINE IS GOOD WAY TO GET RID OF PEOPLE AND MAY
NOW BE PLANNING TO HUSTLE OFF SOME OF HIS DISSIDENT MILITARY
OFFICERS.
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